

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the Attorney of Record, Michael L. Taylor, on December 15, 2009. See attached Interview Summary.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims (see amendment filed on 12/07/2009):

In claim 1, line 6: immediately after "located" and before "a" inserted - - at - - and further in the same line, deleted "latitudinal" to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 1, line 8: replaced "at least" with - - any - - for consistency with Applicant's disclosure.

In claim 1, line 13: replaced "at least" with - - any - - for consistency with Applicant's disclosure.

In claim 3, line 4: replaced "at least" with - - any - - for consistency with Applicant's disclosure.

In claim 7, line 4: replaced "are" with - - is - - to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 7, line 6: replaced "are" with - - is - - to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 28, line 8: immediately after "the (second occurrence)" and before "plane" inserted - - acetabular cup - - to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 34, line 2: deleted "radial" to better define Applicant's invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anu Ramana whose telephone number is (571) 272-4718. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Barrett can be reached at (571) 272-4746. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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